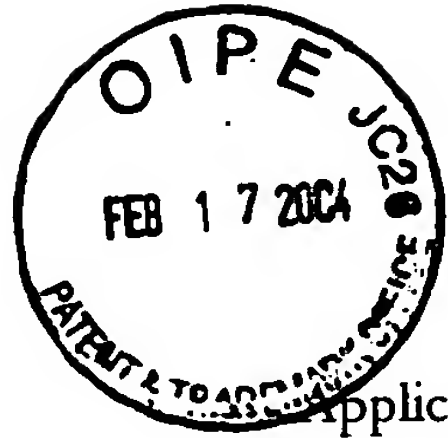


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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003.

An automatic three-month extension of time to respond, up to and including February 13, 2004 is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: